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As the silent, heartfelt tear,
And whisper to us sadly
" 'Tis the autumn of the year."

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GOSSIP.

Naming Plants.—What mistakes some people make naming flowers. Really, they are laughable. One lady is quite sure her plant of Impatiens Sultana is an Azalea. At the county fair two ladies were in the Floral Hall talking about a large Tuberous Begonia. One said, reading the card attached to the plant, "Tub. Begonia." I wonder what variety of Begonia that is. Should it be set in a tub? But men make blunders, too. Some thought the Gladioli were vegetable oysters, and the lovely Caladiums Skunk Cabbage. Ima.

Geauga Co., O., Oct. 1, 1895.

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Leonard, Iowa, Oct. 3, 1895.

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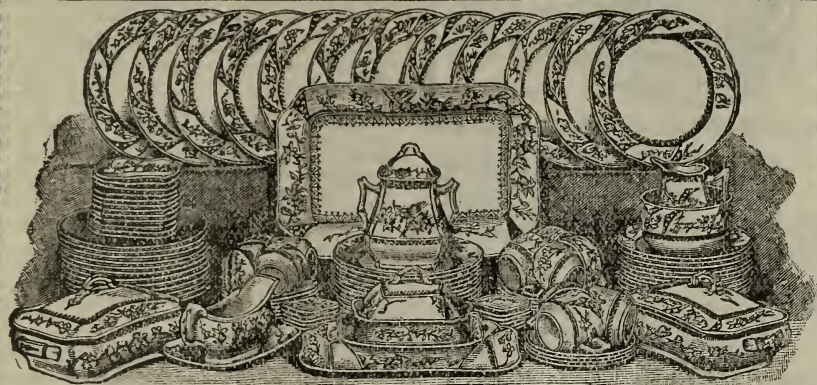
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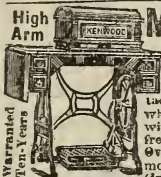


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Begonias—Fairs.—Dear Sisters: Last spring I tried Tuberous Begonias and Gloxinias, and no mother ever watched her babe more closely than I did those plants. I potted them as directed and watered them sparingly until growth began. The foliage of the Begonias was beautiful, but when the flowers opened they were magnificent, the pride of my neighbors as well as myself. My children took my Begonias to our Fair, where they received the premium. It was not the size of the collection, as I had but four, but the quality. By the way, we flower-lovers can all earn a little money by exhibiting plants and cut flowers, and (I will whisper this very softly, as our editor objects to anything not strictly floral) specimens of embroidery, Jelly and canned fruit at fairs. Most of us live near or in towns where fairs are held, and with just a little extra labor we can help our fair, and in helping others we nearly always help ourselves. Look over the premium list and cultivate as many as you can care for nicely, of the flowers that premiums are offered on. We must expect disappointments, but they should only give us more heart to try again. **Brownie.**

Potsdam, N. Y., Sep. 27, 1895.

Tuberous Begonias in the South.—Dear Band: I would like to hear from some of the southern band in regard to Tuberous Begonias. I got twelve nice tubers this spring and started them as Mr. Park advises. The first to bloom was a red one from the Magazine premium. The flowers were four and a-half inches across, looking as though cut from red velvet. It was the wonder of the town, and how proud I was. This was the last of May. As the days grew warmer the blooms grew smaller, and at last ceased. A single pink and a lovely double rose gave a few blooms. The plants were kept with other Begonias and Ferns on a rustic table at the east end of the gallery, getting only a little early sun. John Saul says Tuberous Begonias do not do well in the South. Our summer was not hot, the mercury only reaching 84° a few times. Is the fault mine or the climate's?

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Potsdam, N. Y., Sept 27, 1895.

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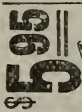
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TRITELEIA AND ALLIUM.

SOWING FINE SEEDS.

AMONG the bulbs suitable for late planting in pots none are more satisfactory than the *Triteleia*, the *Allium Neapolitanum*, and the different varieties of the *Polyanthus Narcissus*. Early planting is, of course, preferable for all bulbs, but it is better to plant them late than not at all, and it is not always possible to attend to the matter at the proper season. Late planted *Alliums* spring up with incredible swiftness, and the pots should be kept in utter darkness long enough for the bulbs to secure a crop of strong roots. They need no encouragement to grow, and the smallest ray of light is sufficient to start the too enterprising leaves, so remember to give them a dark corner.

The *Triteleia* has pretty, grass-like foliage, and a most graceful habit of growth. The leaves are very abundant, and have a fresh, crisp appearance unlike any other bulbous plant. The blossoms, too, are freely produced, and are wonderfully pretty.

Carroll Watson Rankin.

Marquette, Mich., Oct. 4, 1895.

[NOTE.—Several bulbs of *Allium* or *Triteleia* should be set close together in each pot, otherwise the display of foliage and flowers will hardly be satisfactory.—ED.]



POT OF TRITELEIA UNIFLORA.

PERHAPS my method of sowing fine seed may be new to some. I take a four-inch porous pot, and fill two-thirds full of finesifted soil. After watering and allowing the soil to become well drained, I press with the head of a pin little dents as deep as they are wide, into which I drop with

care a tiny seed. I do not cover with soil, but place a piece of glass over the pot and keep in a warm place, and moisten by placing the pot in lukewarm water. In from three to six days all are up, then I remove the glass, taking care not to let the soil get dry, or the little plants would wither. As they grow I fill up around them with soil, so that the roots may be deep enough to sustain life and keep the

plants upright, and as they get stalky I stir the soil often, giving more sunshine gradually and repotting when they begin to crowd. I have raised Tuberous Begonias and Petunias by this method, always successfully, because the glass keeps up even warmth and moisture. Ida Cope.

Sutter Co., Cal., Sept. 13, 1895.

[NOTE.—Small seeds germinate with the same degree of certainty as larger seeds. The difference in success is due to the difference in the care or attention given them.—ED.]

FREAKS OF CALLAS.

A DOUBLE Calla bloom is of common occurrence here in California. Often the flowers are triple—three great blooms crowding each other on one stem. Occasionally a stem bears a quadruple bloom, and the four lilies upon a single stalk are really a grand sight. Sometimes the spathe is partly green, varying from a small streak of green through the white to cases where a large proportion of the spathe is green. Then, again, sometimes there will be a leaf with a portion or nearly all of it white. So it may be seen that these freaks of double blooms on Callas are not a novelty here where the Calla grows to great perfection.

I. E. J.

Al. Co., Cal.,
Oct. 4, 1895.

To ROOT CUTTINGS.—An excellent way to root cuttings is to stick them down in the wet, sandy soil around the spring where they can get plenty of water and sunshine. I have rooted a good many that way. I rooted a white perennial Phlox that was broken off about six inches long, and was budded at the time. It kept green and bloomed as nicely as if on its stalk in the bed, and when I took it up it was nicely rooted. I rooted a Golden Honeysuckle in the same way, and with me this is a hard plant to root.

Alice Corson.

Clayville, Va., Oct. 14, 1895.

THE SENSITIVE FERN—ONOCLEA SENSIBILIS.

A LITTLE box recently came to the Editor by mail containing a sterile frond and a fertile frond of a Fern, with the request to name the genus and species. As the Fern is a common one in many parts of our country the specimens were sketched, and additional drawings made, in order that all the MAGAZINE readers may determine its name when they meet with it in their rambles. It is *Onoclea sensibilis*, the Sensitive Fern. Figure 1 represents the sterile frond received, and figure 2 the fertile one. Figure 3 shows a root, and figure 4 a plant. Figure 5 represents a cross-

section of one of the "berries," showing the spores (seeds).

Onoclea was once regarded as a monotypic genus, but most botanists now include the several species of what was known as *Struthiopteris* under this generic name. The sterile fronds (fig. 1) are found from six inches to two feet high, and are rather coarse in appearance compared with the finely-cut fronds of some ferns. When they appear in spring they are light green in color, showy, and of delicate texture. In this stage it is said that the pinnae or "leaflets" approach each other or close when the stem is pressed with the hand, and hence the name—Sensitive Fern. The fertile fronds are

dwarfer than the sterile ones. In fig. 4 *a* represents a fertile frond in height and general appearance as compared with the sterile ones. At *b* is represented young sterile fronds in process of development. The plant has a strong, creeping root-stem, as repre-



THE SENSITIVE FERN.

sented in figure 3. In this illustration *c, c* represents bases of the stems of sterile fronds, *d* the stem of a fertile frond, *e, e*, immature or undeveloped fronds, and among the cluster of roots at *f* are shown the young embryo fronds ready to unfold next season. The fronds are not abruptly attached



THE SENSITIVE FERN.

to the root-stem, as we find in many herbaceous plants, but are, as it were, a part of it—Nature having split the root-stem and turned part of it up to form the stem of the frond.

This Fern is usually found in marshy places. Transplanted it thrives when



Fig. 4.

THE SENSITIVE FERN.

well watered, and makes a showy clump.

CLEOME PUNGENS.—I appreciate this annual. The plants are five feet high, with pretty foliage and curious and beautiful spider-like flowers, succeeded by long, thin seed-pods. The odor of the plants is not so very bad, but it is well to wash the hands after touching the foliage. L. D. Fogg.

Meridan, Ct., Sep. 3, 1895.

ENSLERIA ALBIDA.

THIS is a beautiful, rapid growing vine, with clean, smooth, green stems, and leaves distinctly veined, the veins sometimes white. The flowers are small, white in color, sweet-scented, and bloom through the late summer. This vine grows along the Ohio Valley, and is looked upon by farmers as a nuisance. A vine will some-

times take possession of a large shrub and grow in and out among the branches and over the shrub, and not be noticed until the leaves have fallen from the shrub, when the vine will become conspicuous by its clusters of seed-pods, like those of the *Asclepias*, of which family this vine is a member.

In the early summer I found that one of these vines had twined around the branch of a Rose-bush. I cut it off within two inches of the ground. A few weeks later I noticed that a sprout had come up from the root of this vine within five or six inches of the one I had cut off. A sprout coming up where one of these vines was cut off was not anything unusual, but this vine, which was six inches tall, proved to be a "sport." The stem was semi-transparent, of a purplish-pink color, and the leaves were all lemon-white with a smooth, glossy surface. I stuck a stick in the ground for the vine to climb on, and loosened the soil around it. I also drove stakes around it as protection, and through the hot, dry weather I watered it. The vine is now over two feet tall. The flower stems and flowers are of the same color as the leaves. Uhlma.



Fig. 5.

SENSITIVE FERN.

Riverside, W. Va., July 22, 1895.

LILIUM CANDIDUM.—My *Candidum* Lilies were beautiful this summer. Two stalks bore thirteen lilies apiece. This species should be grown in every garden. Lula D. M.

Charlton, N. Y., Sep. 13, 1895.

[NOTE.—In some sections of the country this Lily has not done well for several years on account of a blight which affects the plants just before the flowers are developed. This blight spots and blackens the foliage and stunts the flowers.—Ed.]

OPUNTIA CYLINDRICA.

THE plant sent to E. R. Cutshaw as *O. cylindrica* is not that variety, and I am to blame for introducing it under that name. Some years ago, before I became a "Cactus crank," I received a tiny Cactus cutting. It was planted (with many groans) for the sake of the donor. But it thrived and bloomed in a few months time, and was so lovely that for its sake I fell in love with the whole family. I had named it the "Cylindrical Cactus," owing to its manner of growth. Some one more versed in Cactus lore than I was at the time said it was an *Opuntia*. So an *Opuntia cylindrica* it went forth into the world. When I learned of the real *O. cylindrica* I tacked "Japanese" on, as the original cutting came from Japan, and I was told it was a native of that country. A scientist named the plant *O. Lucasii*, but there is some doubt among the "C. Cs." as to whether it is a new variety. Some claim it is *O. Salmiana*, but who ever saw or heard of *Salmiana* blooming in four or five months from the time the cutting was planted. And this Cactus will. It is a very fast grower and a wonderful bloomer. It is hardy here and in bloom all summer. It has small, cream-white flowers, but often the petals have a tiny red streak through the center. The buds are red and pointed, and the blossoms are followed by red berries that remain on the plant for years. The flowers bloom in huge clusters, and the big bunches of red berries are very effective. It blooms best in a rather rich soil, and requires an abundance of water. E. M. L. Pleasanton, Cal.

PERENNIAL POPPIES.—There can be nothing finer than a bed of perennial Poppies. Their large, scarlet, saucer-shaped flowers, borne high above the pretty foliage, are very beautiful, and attract universal attention, even from those who have no professed love for flowers. The loveliness of this most gorgeous flower is very much enhanced by the innumerable black stamens that form such a striking contrast to the intense color of the petals. After planting do not disturb the roots, as they do not take kindly to removal, but, if allowed, they will increase in size and beauty, and gladden your heart and brighten your home for many years. Nettie Williams.

Allegan, Mich., Aug. 6, 1895.

MORE ABOUT PAPER ROSES.

THE article by "M. D." in the September FLORAL MAGAZINE reminds me of an incident which occurred many years ago. A highly esteemed friend died one dreary winter day, and the neighbors tried to gather some sort of a floral offering from their window plants, which were all in a particularly barren state just at that time. The closest gleaning only resulted in securing a quantity of Wandering Jew and two or three feeble Hyacinth blossoms whose owner had not yet learned how to cultivate them properly. Somebody, however, was seized with an inspiration, and at the funeral there appeared on the coffin a wreath of the aforesaid collection, very much enlivened by a number of large, pink paper roses. The nearest relative of the deceased was quite ill, and unable to go to the cemetery; so one of the gentlemen present removed the wreath at the grave, shielded it under his coat from the driving storm, and brought it back carefully to be preserved as a sacred memento. Reverent hands took it to her bedside, but the bearer was a little startled when the invalid motioned it away with the remark, "Take that thing away; it smells too strong!" Naturally, there was indignation among the friends at this sharp reception of their efforts, and nobody could find out just what had caused the offending odor; whether it was the paper Roses or the poor little Hyacinths, but I, for one, have quite forgiven her, as I trust she has forgiven us for the mixed character of our floral tribute.

A. A.

Alpine Co., Cal., Sep. 24, 1895.

THE INFLUENCE OF FLOWERS.—People who love plants are almost invariably unselfish. Do you not think that caring for plants develops the best in our natures and makes us have a kindly feeling for all of God's works? I never knew a person who truly loved flowers—for themselves, I mean, not merely for decoration—who did not have a fine, tender nature. Coarseness and flowers do not belong together. H. A. Storrey.

Bergen Co., N. J., Sep. 27, 1895.

PEONIES FROM SEEDS.—If S. H. W. M. would plant Pæony seeds as soon as they ripen they would make blooming plants the third year.

M. S. E. C.

State Centre, Iowa, Sep. 28, 1895.

THE PANSY.

Pansy, sweet Pansy, I read in thy face
Much of eternity's beauty and grace.
Message to me from Heaven above,
Pansy, sweet Pansy, thy blossom I love.

What is the charm of thy making, I pray?
Did the Creator, when eager one day
Visions to see of the end of his plan,
Paint on thy petals the image of man?

Deeply with tintings of light and of shade
Eyed he the image his fondness had made.
Did he thus add to thy human-like face
Types of the sorrows and sins of the race?

Did he then give thee thy upward-like glance
Further thy semblance to man to enhance,
Seeking through conflict with sin for the best,
With immortality still in his breast?

Emblem to me of humanity's life,
Showing its image, its hope and its strife,
Pansy, sweet Pansy, my heart is with thee,
Fairest of all the fair blossoms to me.

Huntingdon, Ind. Edith B. Wright.

WHY DIDN'T THEY REVERSE IT?

IN laying out our premises nine years ago, we decided to plant a single fine shrub at the head of a long mixed border; and as the shrub was between the house and the border it was desirable to select something of low enough growth that it would not cut off any of our view. After diligent study of the nurseryman's seductive catalogue we ordered an *Exochorda grandiflora*, or Pearl-bush, which the catalogue pronounced a "most lovely dwarf shrub." To-day that "lovely dwarf shrub" is eleven feet high and ten feet through—and growing! It is really a good shrub, and in the spring when its wide spreading top is one mass of white blossoms it is a thing of beauty, and can be seen many blocks away. Nevertheless, why couldn't that catalogue have dealt less effusively on its "lovely dwarf" qualities, and more truthfully told us it was a small tree bearing handsome flowers in early spring?

We wanted a pretty tree, a small to medium sized one, for a certain other point in our grounds. Again we pored over the catalogue, and thought we had found what we wanted. "A large shrub or small tree," our authority told us, "bearing clusters of the most exquisite fringe-like flowers. All who see it admit that the *Chionanthus* is a most rare treasure." We ordered the "rare treasure," gave it every advantage, and with all our coaxing we have a pretty, round-headed, tree-shaped shrub, less than six feet high. It is pleasing beyond the ordinary, if only there was a little more of it. The dainty, floating, fringed flowers are in-

deed charming, but it is a disappointment where it is.

Please, Mr. Park, don't rush to the rescue of your brother nurseryman's good name. Don't tell me that in some soil shrubs take on a vigor so extraordinary as to upset all calculations; for the should-be dwarf shrub, *Exochorda*, is in ordinary garden loam; don't tell me that "the *Chionanthus* is a slow grower, but long lived, and has been known to reach a height of 20 or more feet," etc. So did Methuselah live to be a very old man. I do not expect to reach Methuselah's years, and prefer my trees to do a little of their growing in my life-time. Why can't some of our catalogues be a little more accurate? Lora S. LaMance.

McDonald Co., Mo.

[NOTE.—Many of the plants, especially the novelties, sold by florists are given the recommendation of the introducer who supplies the stock, and the florists or dealers themselves often know as little about the plants as those who read the descriptions with a view to purchasing. This being the case it often occurs that the original description is retained by an advertiser until the plant is condemned by his patrons.—Ed.]

COSMOS.—I plant Cosmos seeds early in April in boxes set in sunny windows. They are strong plants when put in the garden, grow very rapidly,



but have to be tied to stout sticks, as the strong winds break them easily. I put a few in large pots as an experiment this year, so that when the frosts come I can put them in the house, hoping to get blossoms

for early winter. In our climate the heavy frosts kill them when they are in their prime, late in October. I break branches of buds and blossoms and put them in jars of water, and they last many weeks. The foliage is very beautiful with the flowers.

J. E. B.

Medford, Mass., Sep. 10, 1895.

ZANZIBAR BALSAM.—One of the premium plants received last fall was a Zanzibar Balsam. This plant bloomed constantly all winter, and was much admired by all.

Mrs. S. D. Robinson
Orange Co., Vt., Sep. 16, 1895.

VIOLET CULTURE.

SO many try to raise Violets in the window of the hot sitting room with other plants, and as they generally fail in having bloom to reward their care, a few lines may not come amiss to the new readers of PARK'S MAGAZINE. Of course, those who have followed its pages in past years will know how.

The Sweet Violet loves best a sandy limestone soil, which can be made by mixing sand enough to keep the soil open or porous, so water will readily drain through. If planted in boxes



early in the summer and then set in a frame work of wood, after digging the earth at least a foot deep, they will do nicely by the time they are wanted in the house. There is no use trying to blossom them in a room much above forty degrees at night, and running to sixty degrees in the daytime. Be sure to pick off all decaying leaves, and use a steel three-tined kitchen fork for a weeder or soil loosener. Roll up the leaves as you pick them off and bury them around the plants. Don't wet the leaves in watering in winter, but use milk-warm water around the roots. Keep Violet plants covered while sweeping, and if you have charcoal from the kitchen stove apply a few spoonfuls once a month around the roots.

Marie Louise is a double indigo blue variety, has a fine fragrance, and is as easily grown as the wild "Johnny-jump-up" of childhood days. Swanley White is of vigorous growth and has large pure white flowers. This variety is also double, and when you add a third box full of the lovely single Queen Victoria, a dark purple, you will have as fine a collection as one could need. The lovely sky-blue "Pedata" is also fine and has the advantage of being perfectly hardy in any situation.

They are all easily propagated by division of plants or runners, somewhat like the Strawberry, and one can soon have bordered beds in quantity by so dividing a few bunches.

Lissa Gardner Bowman.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 13, 1895.

[NOTE.—Violets love a cool, damp atmosphere. Frame-culture in winter is usually the most successful. In a warm room the plants suffer from red spider and rarely do well or prove satisfactory.—ED.]

VARIOUS "LILIES".

IT is now time to be thinking about our Lilies. So few plants possess the stateliness, grace and beauty of the Lily. We have such a variety to choose from, that many times it is hard to decide which is the most beautiful. I think it is best to choose your Lilies according to the place you wish them to occupy. For the cemetery I



DAY LILY—FUNKIA.

would prefer *Lilium Candidum* and the Yucca Lily, as the flowers are chaste and beautiful. The Day Lilies (Funkias) are also prized highly by many for the cemetery. The white Day Lily, with its pure, waxy, fragrant blossoms, is a very desirable plant, either for pots or out-door planting. One of my favorites is the Lemon Lily, *Hemerocallis flava*. It blooms so early, and the color is lovely. It is perfectly hardy, fragrant, and cheap. Could we ask for more? There are many others just as common and desirable as those I have mentioned. The Tiger, Blackberry, Elegans, and others have each a grace and beauty of their own. If you do not wish to give the Lilies a bed, plant them among your shrubs or in your perennial border; or if you have no permanent home try them in pots. You will be surprised what desirable plants they will make.

Mrs. J.

Cable, O., Oct. 21, 1895.

ERADICATING MEALY BUG.—An easy and sure way to rid plants of mealy bug is to touch each one with alcohol. I use a tiny brush of soft ravellings tied to a match for a handle. It takes but a little while to go over a medium-sized plant, even if badly infested with mealy bugs; and I have never had to go over a plant more than twice, waiting a few days between for the eggs to hatch, or the little ones overlooked to grow. I have twice received Coleus from a greenhouse that were covered with the bugs, but alcohol cleaned them.

Eliza C. Smith.

No. Pitcher, N. Y.

MORE ABOUT THE CINNAMON VINE.

MR. EDITOR:—I note several articles in the MAGAZINE lately relative to the Cinnamon Vine. I have grown it for twelve or fourteen years, and after the first season it has always bloomed profusely, the little blossoms sending out so much perfume that passers-by would notice it. The little bulblets are very tender and freeze as easily as potatoes, and there is no danger that they will come up and spread in a natural way, as the winter kills them. If kept from frost and planted in the spring the bulblets will grow in a small way the first season, and in two or three years will produce big, strong vines. The best and quickest way to have strong vines, however, is to plant the tubers or roots. The vine is well liked in this vicinity. Most of my neighbors have them growing, and I have never known them to spread in the least.

A. T. C.

Hyde Park, N. Y., Oct. 19, 1895.

NEMOPHILA INSIGNIS.—Mr. Editor:

Will you please name the plant of which I enclose leaf and flower. It came from a package of mixed seeds. I wish its name so I may procure a package of seeds of it.

Mrs. J. F. H.

Wash., Aug. 3.

[ANS.—The leaf and flower enclosed are represented in the sketch. The name of the plant is *Nemophila insignis*, a hardy annual from California. Like most other annuals from California the plants from autumn-sown seeds thrive better and produce finer bloom than those from seeds sown in the spring. The seeds in mixed or separate colors may be had of any seedsman at five cents per packet.



LAVATERA ARBOREA VARIEGATA.—

The *Lavatera arborea variegata* I got in a collection of plants last fall (1895) I put out in the garden in the spring and it grew into a great tree. My husband admires it more than any of my plants, so we will keep it in the bay window this winter.

Mrs. C. W. M.

Laanark, Ill., Oct. 1, 1895.

GROWING SWEET PEAS IN POTS.

I WOULD like to tell flower-lovers of my success in starting Sweet Peas in the house. My largest Geranium, growing in about a fourteen-inch pot, was frozen one cold night last winter; so I took the pot and mixed some wood ashes with the already rich soil, and planted some Sweet Peas of mixed colors in it. About the middle of March I set the pot in a south window of a cool room, and in about the same time it would take the seeds to germinate outdoors two rows of thrifty-looking plants made their appearance. They grew finely, and when the weather was warm enough I set the pot in a sunny place outdoors, having furnished them support early in their growth. I gave them plenty of water, and an occasional top dressing of manure, phosphate or ashes, and by the middle of June blossoms opened of large size and brilliant colors. They now received frequent supplies of liquid manure, and I increased the height of the support until my vines were at least five feet high, and thrifty as they could be. I picked in one week over eighty stems of beautiful flowers, and that before my neighbors who planted their Sweet Peas in the garden had really begun to have blossoms. I let some of the choicest colors ripen seeds, and after that I did not have as many blossoms. I am so well pleased with the experiment that I intend to repeat it next spring, but shall plant my seeds the first of March, so as to have Sweet Peas for Children's Day.

Mrs. Sarah J. Fish.

Cheshire Co., N. H., Oct. 15, 1895.

MANETTIA VINE.—I had a *Manettia bicolor* given me three years ago as the thing that would not grow. It had a long vine, but not one leaf. I got out PARK'S MAGAZINE and read how to treat it. I planted it by the back door where it could be showered often, and soon I had the pleasure of showing the former owner a beautiful vine with dark green, glossy foliage and bright red flowers, and now it is a thing of beauty. Give it plenty of water and shower it often.

Mrs. Batterbee.

Antrim Co., Mich., Oct. 3, 1895.

MOLES.—To drive away moles from garden or field, plant Castor-oil Beans in their track. They will not come where they are planted.

Saline, Mo.

Mrs. J. H. Barr.

PELARGONIUMS AND IVY GERANIUM.

CUTTINGS of these plants rooted in November, and watched carefully to see that the growth receives no check make fine window plants for early spring blooming, and for those who get but little sun in their rooms these small plants are more desirable than the leggy ones grown on a stand near the window. I take small pots, two or three inch, attend to the drainage first, then fill them with light, rich soil, making a three-quarter inch hole in the centre of the soil and filling this with sharp sand, in which I insert the cutting, water thoroughly, and place the pot in a window where it will get all the heat and light possible. They root quickly, and in a few months make thrifty plants that will bloom until summer time. The Pelargonium is not a garden bloomer, but the Ivy Geranium will bloom outside until the frost comes. The dwarf varieties of Pelargonium are best adapted to window culture. Beauty and Apple Blossom are very pretty. La Rosiere and Horace Choiseul are free-blooming Ivy Geraniums, and very lovely, one pale pink, the other deep pink. L. G. S.

Barnstable Co., Mass.

[NOTE.—Gen. Champlent, a new Ivy-leaf Geranium, is the most beautiful and desirable of all the varieties. The flowers are of immense size, spotted like a fancy Pelargonium, borne in large clusters. Color glowing carmine with rich maroon blotch.—Ed.]

ANOMATHECA CRUENTA OR SCARLET FREESIA.—I grow these in the ground. The leaves and style of growing are like the Freesia, but the flowers are smaller, and have not so fine a fragrance. They bloom later, and keep in bloom a long time, and are very desirable for cut flowers. A large bed of them is very pretty. They seed tremendously, and more than multiply themselves in one year. Seedlings will bloom the same year, that is, last summer's seedlings are budded now. I tried the Giant Bermuda Freesia this year. It is larger, and of a deeper color, with deep orange spot on lower petals; a handsome flower to go with *F. reducta* alba and the cream.

Alameda Co., Cal. M. G. W.

PRINROSES.—Pot Primrose plants in September in good, rich soil, keep them in a cool, shady place till it gets cold enough to bring them into the house, then give them a light place, and you will have large flowers and plenty of them all winter. Nell.

Hartford, Mich., Oct. 12, 1895.

CARE OF AMARYLLIS BULBS.

DO NOT think that because the Amaryllis is through blooming that they need no more attention this year. Next year's beauty depends greatly upon the care you give the plants this fall. The buds for next year's blooming are formed this fall, and for that reason the plants must be kept growing until they ripen. In November set the jars in the cellar, and let them remain there until February or March, only giving enough water



to keep the larger roots from drying up. When the jars are brought out remove the top earth down to the bulbs and replace with fresh earth and decayed manure. All manure, if well decayed, is better. Amaryllis do not like to

be disturbed, but will grow and bloom nicely in the same jar for years. Do not repot until the jar is so full it will not hold another bulb. I have a *Johnsonii* and *Regina* that have never yet blossomed. The first was given me a little bit of a thing, and the second was bought in the South. It was a nice large bulb, but had to be acclimated, I think. The *Formosissima* is very pretty, with its odd-shaped, deep crimson flowers that look as though sprinkled with gold-dust. I have had this bulb blossom before the leaves started. A pail of *Rosa Amaryllis* has had twenty-nine blossoms this summer. They are fine with their pretty pink lily-like blossoms, which appear at times throughout the season. They multiply very fast; one bulb will fill a large jar in a few years.

Nettie Williams.

Allegan Co., Mich., Oct. 14, 1895.

RED NICOTIANA.—With pride I watched my Red *Nicotiana* grow day by day, very impatient for the blossom, but when it bloomed it proved to be only an improved kind of tobacco. I will save the leaves to kill insect pests. There is no great loss without a little gain. Ima.

Gaugu Co., O., Oct. 1, 1895.

CAPE JASMINE.

MRS. LaMANCE gives us her experience with a Cape Jasmine. It is such as to encourage an interest in the flower, but the beauty of the plant she does not yet even half realize. Some years since I attended the Corn Palace in Sioux City, Iowa, and happened to be there on the closing day when the plants of the Southern exhibit were being sold. A large Cape Jasmine "rivetted my attention," and I could not get away from it. It was offered for \$1.50 and I took it. The next question was to get it to the train. I engaged a hack and paid the driver 50 cents to take it to the depot, and once there found I had to pay \$3.00 express to get it home. I laughed at the trap I had tumbled into, but paid the express. I believe others laughed a little at my five dollar plant, a great tree almost with not a bloom on it. We kept it through the winter, and in spring put it in the yard. It began to send out buds immediately, and by midsummer was covered with hundreds of great waxy blooms, so fragrant that they were noticed by everyone within a block. I have seen many beautiful plants but none so lovely as this Cape Jasmine. We lifted the shrub in the fall and kept it in the house, and set it out in the spring for several years, but one spring night after we had set many of our plants on the sunny porch an unexpected freeze came and killed our beautiful Jasmine. I have a small one now that I am training in the way it should go for future blooms. Maude Meredith.

Chicago, Ill., Sep. 23, 1895.

ROOTING ROSE CUTTINGS.—Here in California if slips of Roses are taken in November and inserted two-thirds of their length in a protected place out of doors, care being taken to have the soil partly sand and the slips not more than six or seven inches in length, fully four-fifths of them will take root.

Cut a branch budded to bloom, insert in a dish three or four inches deep, and invert a tumbler over it, ventilating occasionally, and you will succeed in getting a tiny plant. For preparing the dish for the cutting place a layer of barley over the bottom, then a good deep layer of sand, and moisten well. The cutting should be inserted till it reaches the barley, then pack the sand around it tight, leaving only one eye exposed. Ida Cope.

Sutter Co., Cal., Sep. 13, 1895.

FLOWERS OR GOSSIP.

A NEIGHBOR once said to me: "You are always scheming and working about home, and 'fussing' in your garden and with your flowers. I know you are getting the prettiest place in town and your flowers are lovely; but, pshaw! why don't you get out oftener and join our society. Folks are just talking about you. We are going to meet at Mrs. Smith's next Wednesday, so come, won't you?" Temporarily conscience stricken, I agreed to leave my "fussing," and meet with my neighbors. Please let me record some of the conversation.

"Well," said Mrs. A., tossing her hat upon the sofa, "I reckon you ladies have heard the latest."

"Reckon not; let us have it."

"What! Not heard that Rube Brown came home tight night afore last, and routed his wife out of bed and made her walk through the snow, barefoot, to her mother's? At least that's what my man said Joe Cummin said his uncle told him."

"Well! well!" interrupted Mrs. B. "That's nothing compared to Lottie Dare. They say as how she has sued that feller that jilted her for \$5,000, and folks say she's more 'n a right to do it."

Little Mrs. C. now raised her voice. "I 'spose you folks all know I've been buyin' my butter at Rigginses for more 'n a year. Well, I'll tell you, I've had my last pound of them, for, don't you think, the last they fetched had a real long, red, curly hair in it. Now, whose hair do you 'spose that was? All their's is straight and black."

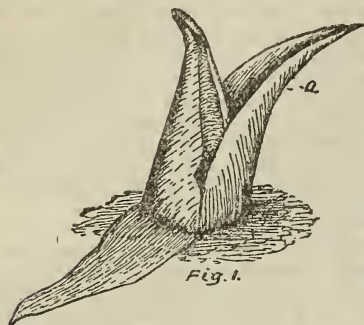
I felt sure I was going to have a headache. At least, I excused myself a half-hour before tea, and went home to my non-gossiping friends, my flowers. Still, I am not selfish. I love to welcome those who come to me in friendship, though even that is difficult to tell. Our pastor was making his expected calls. I had been an invalid for a year, usually occupying an up stairs room, where I kept my Bible for convenience' sake. The preacher called for the Bible. I sent above for it. The following Sabbath our holy instructor remarked from the pulpit that he had found people who had to hunt for a Bible away off up stairs. I have never liked that preacher since. I never go to hear him preach, for his instructions would seem but mockery. A preacher not exempt from scandal!

Ohio Sister.

Harrisburg, O., July 17, 1895.

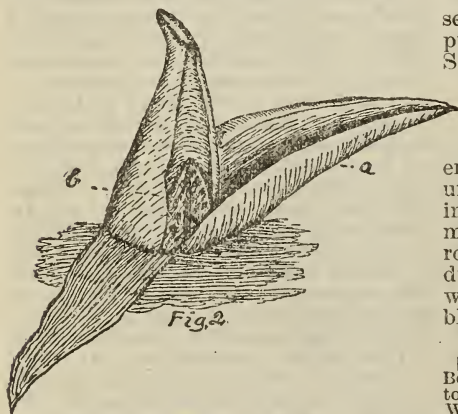
THE PREPARATION OF NATURE.

WHEN the summer season closes, and the chilly blasts of winter whistle around the corner we all know that nature is having, as we term it, a season of rest. But how much has already been done to promote the growth of next season! Examine the herbaceous plants, and you will find the



SYMPLOCARPUS FOETIDUS.

buds already formed, ready to push out of the ground on the approach of the warm days of spring. Examine the Dogwood, the Lilac, the Cherry, the Peach, and other shrubs and trees, and you will find the flowers in embryo, ready and waiting till the first warm breath of spring animates them with new life and vigor. The same is true of the bulbous plants. Dig up the Hyacinth late in autumn, and you



SYMPLOCARPUS FOETIDUS.

will find the leaves already pushing up, and the embryo spike developing.

Many admirers of wild flowers have noticed the early appearance of the flowers of *Symplocarpus foetidus* or Skunk Cabbage. Even in the disagreeable days of February or early March

the showy red and yellow mottled flowers may be found well developed, defying the cold and reign of the Frost King. But when were the buds formed? On October 9th, while the Editor was securing specimens of the *Onoclea sensibilis* described and illustrated on pages 144 and 145 of this number of the MAGAZINE, he found a clump of *Symplocarpus* which appeared above the ground with strong sheaths as represented at figure 1. The growth of the season had been completed long since, and the embryo leaves were closely enveloped and protected for the winter. Stripping back the sheath (a) the flower bud (b) appeared, well-formed, and showing its rich cherry-red color mottled with red and brown. Is it any wonder the flower pushes up so early in spring, when it is so well started in autumn. This plant lifted later and given a place where it would get some heat and light would soon develop its showy flower, and would be a more desirable window flower than *Amorphophallus*. But from this specimen we may see how most early flowers are easily brought into bloom, and with certainty, as the buds are already formed in autumn, and have but to feel the heat and moisture to push up and develop the bloom. .

CHINESE SACRED LILY.—Two years ago I tried Chinese Sacred Lily with splendid success. They were in bloom at New Years. Their pure white blossoms with their delicate perfume seemed to tell us to keep our hearts pure throughout the coming year. Some complain of this Lily not blooming for them. I had three good-sized bulbs, which I placed in a large glass dish, placing small, smooth pebbles around them to enable them to retain their equilibrium, filled the dish with water and set in a west window. Every night I removed it to a table in the centre of the room. I think the water gets too cold during the night when left in the window, perhaps causing the lack of bloom. Brownie.

Potsdam, N. Y., Sep. 27, 1895.

[NOTE.—The Chinese Sacred Lilies grown in Bermuda are not nearly so solid and so sure to bloom as those imported from China. When buying be sure to get those of Chinese growth. They can usually be purchased from October 15th till New Years.—Ed.]

STREPTOCARPUS.—*Streptocarpus* are nice for summer flowers, but mine take a rest winters. They are easily grown from seeds, and seem quite hardy.

Hartford, Mich.

Nell.

PLANTS AND NERVES.

IN a business office window there was a row of Tuberous Begonias in bloom, the exquisite colors toned by the beautiful leaves. "I do not have my plants here altogether for their beauty," said the Typewriter, "but my work causes a severe nerve strain, and there is something in the green color and the flowers that is very soothing." I also know a lady with very weak eyes and poor health. Her sight was strengthened by sitting under an old apple tree in the midst of a meadow, and looking for an hour a day at the grass. The ever-recurring dishwashing and cooking are rasping at times to every housekeeper, so it is necessary to have something restful to look at. In one of my kitchen windows is a box of Parsley. The leaves are very graceful, and such a relief from the glaring snow without on a winter morning. In the other window is a large jar filled with dwarf Nasturtiums. Such cheerful, rollicking plants! regular nerve renovators, and, as the warm kitchen air agrees with them, they ought to be by every sink where the dishwashing is carried on. A little while every day out in the open air keeps heart and body in health. In one corner of my yard was an old wood shed, which was an eye-sore, and it tired me a great deal more than a day's ironing. But one morning I planted some seeds of Nest Egg Gourds and Morning Glories, two of the fastest growing things in Nature's big trunk of good things, and in a short time that homely thing was covered, and the pretty white Gourds hung down surrounded by the blue flowers, while the great yellow buds were enough to make a tired woman laugh. One of the reasons why we should have flowering plants in our front windows is the cheer they give to the passers-by. One dark November afternoon I was passing through a dull street, mud below, clouds above, and plenty of worries to weigh me down, when I came to a window that had in it a grand Chrysanthemum filled with

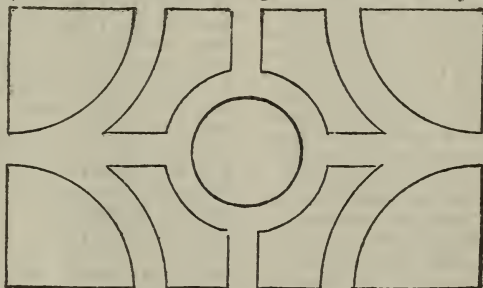
golden flowers. The world looked more cheerful right away. There is a great deal of tact in giving the right flower. One may soothe, and another bring tears. A young mother was in my garden soon after she had buried her baby, and carelessly I picked and gave her a Tuberose. A bunch of them had been placed on the little one's casket, and their smell brought all the anguish back, and terrible sobs followed. I have made an old lady very happy by a few sprays of Mignonette, and a single Rose bud will make a young girl's eyes sparkle. So to all worried, tired people I say, have a few plants inside and outside the house, care for them, and you will forget that there are such things as nerves.

Sister Gracious.

Detroit, Mich., Sep. 13, 1895.

DESIGN FOR A FLOWER GARDEN.—

I send you a rude sketch of a flower garden. It is thirty-two feet long and



Plan for a Flower Garden.

twenty feet wide. The corner beds are quarter circles, nine feet on straight sides. The center is an eight foot circle. The other beds are shaped by making all the paths exactly two feet wide. The corner beds are for perennials. The center bed is for tall plants. It makes a nice garden for a farmer's wife, as it is easily fenced with woven wire.

Wilcox, Mo.

Zetta Knabb.

ACHIMENES.—The Achimene seeds bought of Mr. Park last spring grew as freely as Poppies, and part of them bloomed in the fall. One was small, scarlet, and one a large-flowered blue. The scarlet one makes its bulbs on the stalk where the buds ought to be. They are not like my purple ones.

Eliza C. Smith.

No. Pitcher, N. Y., Sep. 12, 1895.

REMEDY FOR ANTS.—Those who are troubled with ants will find Paris green a sure remedy. I have used it with good results, my place now being entirely rid of them.

Miss Maggie Miller.

Erie Co., N. Y., Oct. 18, 1895.

THE OLEANDER.

QUESTIONS innumerable have been asked in the pages of our epic, interesting FLORAL MAGAZINE regarding the Oleander, and I am much gratified to see our Editor, Mr. Park, take up the cudgel in defense of this valuable shrub. Did anyone ever know of the Oleander causing sickness or death? Now, we all know that peach leaves contain a powerful acid, but has that fact deterred fruit lovers from planting and cultivating the tree? To touch Hop leaves is poisonous to many persons, yet we go on raising and using hops. Let us not be afraid of the small amount of acid the leaves of the Oleander may contain. If the peach leaf has not injured you, my sisters, no harm will come to you from the leaf of the Nerium. One sister asks if it is certain death to sleep under its shade. Certainly not. Night after night in weird, beautiful Venice I have enjoyed the "sleep of the just" with the fragrance and beauty of this grand shrub all around me. I have picnicked on the Italian lakes under Oleanders as large as peach trees, with branches borne down to the water's edge with a wealth of blossoms, and suffered no bad effects. The children of sunny Italy make necklaces of the blossoms and festoon them gracefully o'er head and bosom. With regard to the efficacy of the stem and branches for disciplinary purposes I will relate an experience I had lately which will convince all that there is no poison in its bark. Walking one pleasant morning in a Virginia hamlet I saw a romantic shanty where two healthy, bright little children were playing with a dog. Stopping a moment I asked the mother the names of her picaninnies. "Why, missus," she replied, "dere names is Jessamine and Oleander, arter my posies. I lub my posies, so I called my babies arter dem. And, missus, when dey is bad I got an Oleander stick and I wallups dem with it till dey is good, and dey is apt to stay good." This, Mr. Park, ought to settle the question "Is the Oleander poisonous?"

Chestnut Hill, Pa. Mary Elliott.

LOBELIA, ROYAL PURPLE.—This is a treasure. The blossoms are a deep, rich blue with a white eye, and are borne in such profusion as to almost cover the foliage. Mrs. S. J. Fish.
East Alstead, N. H.

A HANDSOME PETUNIA.

I HAVE a Petunia now in bloom. It was raised from a cutting last October. It was kept in a cool room during winter and began to bloom in March; flowers light lilac, four and a-half inches across, frilled, with darker threads down the center and throat, remaining open 5 to 6 days. Before standing it out of doors I potted it along with other plants, in an eight-gallon lard can filled with rich loose earth. It was placed against an east wall, getting the sun until ten o'clock. I staked it with a nice spreading limb from a tree securely tied to the wall, and to this I keep the Petunia neatly tied back, fan-shaped. It grew so fast it soon crowded out all other plants, each branch bearing from two to three full-blown flowers at the same time. At no time for the past month has it had on less than 100 full blown flowers, and one-third as many half-blown ones, which are almost equally pretty. I have taken off many cuttings, and the wind has broken off many branches. It droops to the ground all around the can, and from the ground to the topmost branches measures six feet eight inches, and it is six feet wide, neatly fan-shaped, with bloom over the whole surface. I water it freely and pull off all wilted flowers every morning. Like Mrs. Lowden, I have fine large Palms, many other Petunias, and everything I desire, but none of them attract so much attention as this Petunia.

Mrs. S. A. Pleas.
Dunreith, Ind., Aug. 7, 1895.

HOYA CARNOSA.—If you want your Hoya carnosa to bloom keep it in a small pot and keep it growing. It likes light and heat. An upper shelf suits it well. I have one only two years old which has two bunches of buds on it, and how slowly it grows. I have been told never to break off the blossom stem, for it blooms from the same stem year after year. I don't know how true it is. Can you tell me?

Mrs. M. A. Bucknell.

New Douglass, Ill.

[NOTE.—It is true that the flowers appear from the same flower-stem year after year. The stem simply elongates and produces the new umbel of flowers at its extremity. In this way the stem will bear a succession of flowers for many years, and although unsightly and apparently useless a large part of the time it should not be cut away or disturbed.—Ed.]

CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

Fair flowers of autumn, though to you
Sweet fragrance is denied,
Your beauty amply compensates
The lack; from side to side
Your graceful forms sway in the breeze,
When all the leaves are off the trees.

—Bertha Muhleman.

ABOUT CACTUSES.

SOMEONE in the Magazine asks if Cacti will bloom as well if wintered in the cellar as in a warm room. I think not. I have over sixty varieties, ranging through all the genera, and I have found that plants kept in the light do better, but should be watered only enough to keep them from shriveling. Echinocacti and Echinocerei I leave for a month at a time without water. Phyllocacti require more water, but I only water them at considerable intervals, say once a week, and sparingly. Mammillaria require very little water in winter. But all Cacti when growing will stand as much water as my other plants, and bloom very freely. I have them on a huge stand on the south side of the house, with full exposure to the sun (no cover), and let the rain fall on them as on other green things, and they bloom well. The drainage must be good, and soil about half sand. Cerei and Phyllocacti are the better for a top dressing of well-rotted manure, but, until established, loam and sand, half and half, are best for all Cacti. I have not lost a half dozen plants in six years, so I know about Cacti. The smallest pot that will contain the Cactus is the best, but Cerei should be shifted into a size larger pot each year, and Phyllocacti nearly as often. Echinopsis make heavy root growth, and need frequent shifting. They will stand rich earth and bloom freely after they are two years old. Rhipsalis Saglionis is one of the prettiest plants in my collection. It requires plenty of water, and blooms freely in winter. Capricornis is the best bloomer I have among Echinocacti, and Echinocereus Pectinatus the best among Echinocerei.

Chas. W. Alban.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 13, 1895.

CAMPHOR FOR "WHITE WORMS."

—If the sisters will apply camphor water to the soil affected with "white worms" they will not be further troubled. The remedy is effectual. S. Lawrence.

Washtenaw Co., Mich.

DOUBLE DATURA.

I WONDER how many ever raised a Double Datura from seeds? I have one now in blossom. It is not white, but a decided cream color, and very large and double, being, in fact,



DOUBLE DATURA.

three flowers, one inside of the other. It is a decided curiosity to me, as I never saw but one kind, the single white, known as Sweet Nightingale (and botanically as *Datura Wrightii*). I also have a nice plant of the double variety from seed. It is purple and white, and known as Horn of Plenty. The stalks of this, also the buds are dark purple. It has budded, but not yet bloomed. I shall try to winter these two plants in the cellar, and next year they will be something fine. I shall have them in large pots or boxes. L. D. M.

Saratoga Co., N. Y.

NOTE.—*Brugmansia suaveolens*, formerly regarded as a species of *Datura*, is a shrubby plant with large, fragrant, lavender-tinted white flowers borne throughout the summer. This is easily kept over winter in a frost-proof cellar if sparingly watered. The leaves may drop, but the stalk will push out leafy branches in the spring. The *Daturas* are either annuals or herbaceous perennials. The annuals could hardly be kept over winter successfully; they would lose their tops but push out shoots from the roots in the spring.—Ed.]

SALLEROI GERANIUM.—A Texas sister writes that her Salleri Geranium has leaves as large as a silver dollar. I enclose a leaf nearly two and a-half inches across; a silver dollar is but one and a-half inches in diameter. My plant stands at the right of an east bay window. I find the best display may be had by planting five to seven plants in a six-inch tin vessel (keg or tin), then pinch liberally.

Mrs. L. C. Welsh.

Marion Co., Oregon.

FREAKS.—Among my flowers this summer was a double Sweet Pea, a double blossom of Spotted Calla, and an *Amaryllis Johnsonii* that bloomed without having leaf or root. There were five perfect flowers, but the flower stalk was only six inches long. The bulb measured nine inches and weighed twelve ounces. Ima.

Geauga Co., O., Oct. 1, 1895.

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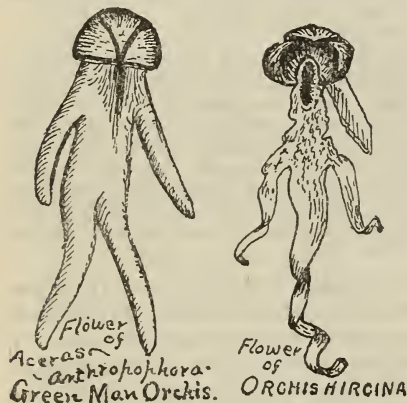
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THE EDITOR invites correspondence with all who love and cultivate flowers.

NOVEMBER, 1895.

TWO PECULIAR FLOWERS.

HERE are illustrations of two flowers of the Orchis family that are interesting because of their peculiar form. The flowers of *Aceras* are produced on a spike a foot high, and are of a greenish color with red margin.

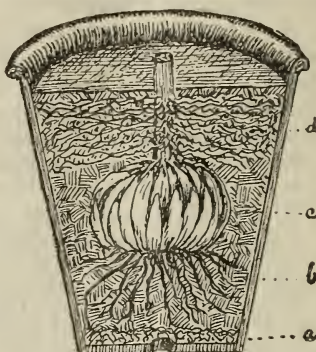


The plant is found in a wild state in dry, chalky pastures in the southeast of England. The flowers of *Orchis hircina* are dirty, greenish white, with a disagreeable, goat-like odor. The plant grows from one to two feet high, and bears its flowers in dense spikes. This flower is also a native of England, but is now almost extinct. It is sometimes known as *Lizard Orchis*.

HYACINTHS.—Nothing produces a richer bed of bloom in early spring than Hyacinths. One hundred bulbs set six inches apart will make a bed that your neighbors will covet, and the delicious fragrance of the flowers will fill the air with perfume.

POTTING LILIES.

IN potting Lilies the bulb should not be set with its crown above the earth, as we are in the habit of setting Hyacinths, but two or more inches beneath the surface. Use a compost of leaf-mould or woods earth, with rich garden loam and some sand—the whole thoroughly stirred, and in potting shake and press it in the pot till well



A POTTED EASTER LILY.

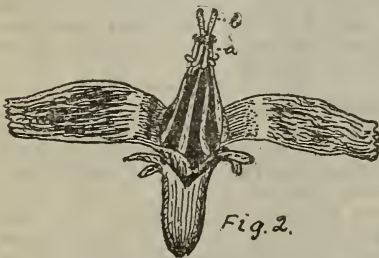
compacted. The illustration shows how a Lily bulb should be potted, and how it grows. At *a* is represented a layer of gravel, broken crock or charcoal. Over this should be placed some moss to keep the soil from interfering with the drainage. At *b* the fleshy basal roots are shown. *C* is the bulb occupying its proper position in the pot. The mass of fibrous roots indicated by *d* issue from the stem after growth begins, and when the stem dies in autumn these die with it. The basal roots support and strengthen the bulb, and the fibrous annual roots largely support and strengthen the stem, with its foliage and bloom.

This will explain why a Lily bulb requires to be set beneath the surface soil, and the two classes of roots issuing in abundance show the necessity of a rather large pot to produce well-developed foliage and flowers. A "seven-to-nine-inch" Easter Lily should have a pot from six to eight inches in diameter, and a larger bulb a larger pot. The smaller pots produce the dwarfier plants, but the buds are liable to blast.

CHINESE LILY.—This is the month to buy and start the Chinese Sacred Lily. But be sure you get the true imported bulbs. The Sacred Lilies grown in this country and *Bernuda* are not generally so satisfactory.

THE CLOSED GENTIAN.

ONE of the latest-blooming of wild flowers, as well as most attractive is the Closed Gentian, *Gentiana Andrewsii*. The plant grows a foot or more in height, with opposite leaves, and flowers in dense terminal clusters, as represented in figure 1. The flowers are about an inch and a-half in length, mostly of a rich blue color, and are always closed. The plants remain in bloom for a long time, and fine specimens may be found in bloom in Pennsylvania as late as October fifteenth. This flower is also found in the New England States, and along the coast to Florida. The reader will doubtless be able to identify it from the illustration figure 1, but to make the matter more definite figures two and three have been prepared. Split the balloon-like corolla, and spread it open as at figure 2, and you will find five connected anthers, *a*, surrounding the two-parted stigma, *b*, the filaments widening and



THE CLOSED GENTIAN.

flattened toward the base, and attached to the corolla. Separate the anthers, and the peculiar-shaped seed-pod represented in figure 3 will appear. The stem is smooth, and often assumes a purplish tint on the sunny side, especially near the summit. These points will enable the most inexperienced to identify this flower, which should be known by all flower-lovers, on account

of its prominence, as well as its striking beauty in the field and forest during the sombre days of autumn.

THE CHINESE SACRED LILY.

ONE of the most reliable and beautiful of winter-blooming bulbous flowers is the Chinese Sacred Lily. It is a species of *Polyanthus Narcissus*, bearing large clusters of white, deliciously-scented flowers on long, strong stems. It is of the easiest culture. Simply set the

bulb in a bowl of water in which a quantity of clean pebbles and shells have been placed, and pile some pebbles and

shells about it to keep it in place; set the bowl in a dark closet till roots form, or until you want the bulb to bloom, when it should be brought to the light gradually, and given a place in a cool window. Or, if preferred, you can pot in earth, leaving the crown to protrude above the soil, then water freely and give the pot a dark place till the bulb is well rooted. It may then be brought to the light to bloom. It will thrive in any rich, well-drained soil, and should be watered freely while growing and blooming. Grown either in



THE CLOSED GENTIAN.

water or earth the bulbs imported from China are sure to bloom if given the least care. The bulbs are large, solid, and often double, and rarely fail to produce from three to five fine large clusters. Beware of spongy bulbs. Started in November the flowers may be had during the holidays, as they bloom in about six weeks.

HYACINTHS IN WATER.—Start a few Hyacinths in glasses of water. They are sure to bloom, and the beauty and fragrance of the bloom will delight you.

CARDUUS MARIANUS.

A SISTER in Brooklyn, New York, sends the Editor a specimen, and the following note:

Mr. Park:—I enclose part of a leaf from a plant which I raised from your mixed seed. Is it hardy? Would it live if potted? It is now in bud. Is it too late for it to bloom?—Mrs. Kipp, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The plant is *Silybum marianum*, usually catalogued as *Carduus marianus*. Its common name is Holy Thistle, or St. Mary's Thistle, or Blessed Thistle, etc. It is a hardy annual, with long, prickly, green, silver veined leaves, which lie upon the ground, forming a handsome variegated rosette. The seeds are as large as those of *Saffron* (*Carthamus tinctorius*), and germinate readily. Sown in the spring the plants bloom, perfect their seeds and die in one season. Sown in August or September they make fine plants which endure the winter and bloom early in summer. Or, the seeds may be sown late in autumn, to be ready for germinating in the spring. The flowers are thistle-like in form, and of a pinkish color. The plants are fine for a foliage edging, and might be used in connection with some of the fancy-leaved ornamental plants of the Cabbage family for winter bedding on the lawn. It would likely die if lifted and potted. Frost will not interfere with the opening of the buds.

BUTTERCUP *RANUNCULUS*.—The English Buttercup *Ranunculus*, often known as Bachelors' Button, is botanically known as *Ranunculus acris flore pleno*. The flowers are of a clear buttercup-yellow, rich and attractive, double to the centre, and borne in profusion from April till September. It likes a moist or rather marshy soil, and in such a position will spread by running stems so as to require some attention to keep it within the allotted bounds. The plant grows two feet high, is hardy, and worthy of general cultivation.

KEEPING DAHLIA TUBERS.—Take up the clumps just after a continued rain, when the earth will adhere, and dry them thoroughly in the sun and wind, then store on high shelves in a frost-proof cellar. The dried earth about and among the tubers keeps the air from them, thus preserving them.

A GOOD CEMETERY PLANT.

ONE of the subscribers in Maine sends the Editor the following note of enquiry:

Mr. Park:—Please name some plant suitable for the cemetery—a hardy perennial that will bloom continuously.—R. H. M., Me.

The Hardy Purple Verbena is one of the most desirable plants for the cemetery. The flowers are reddish-purple, in large, profuse clusters, and continuously borne, if the plant is occasionally pruned to prevent exhaustion from blooming and seeding too freely. This Verbena is but little known, though one of the finest perennial plants we have. It is perfectly hardy in southern Pennsylvania, but further north it might be well to protect it by a covering of evergreen boughs applied in December.

QUIZZING THE EDITOR.—It is always a pleasure for the Editor to name plants for his friends when the specimens are ample and full descriptions are given. However, it is not always practicable for him to do so, as many specimens call for botanical analysis and research among botanical works which his limited time will not allow. Remember, there are more than 200,000 flower-lovers who get the MAGAZINE, and the wants of these are many and varied. The Editor serves them as faithfully and liberally as possible, laboring diligently often fourteen hours daily to satisfactorily discharge the duties that press upon him. He mentions this that his many friends and correspondents may not censure him for intentional neglect when questions are not answered as promptly or as fully as expected.

THOSE HARDY BULBS.—Have you obtained and planted the hardy bulbs you wish for winter decoration or for blooming next spring? If not, attend to the matter at once. Bulbs were never cheaper than they are this autumn, and the quality of the stock is superior. Thirty-five choice bulbs, including Hyacinths, Tulips, Narcissus, Crocuses and others, all named, and delivered to you by mail, were never before sold for less than from sixty to seventy-five cents. This year such a collection is offered with this MAGAZINE a year for only fifty cents. Tell your friends, and send in at once your own and as many additional names as you can secure. The earlier the bulbs are planted the better.

Floral Friends: I am sorry I cannot exchange plants as requested, but my family cares take all my time. The mother of three creeping infants, the older children in school, and the household affairs to look after, I have to forego many pleasures for lack of time; otherwise I should favor every applicant by an exchange. Mabel H. Monsey.

Snohomish Co., Wash.

Next.—The Editor has another namesake, Master George P. Peace, of Scranton, Pa., and that box of choice plants has been mailed to this infant florist. As his mother is skillful in the culture of plants they will doubtless be well cared for.

From Vermont.—Dear Sisters: I saw in the January number of the Magazine a call for more letters from Vermont. My home is in the "Green Mountain State," and I, too, am interested in flowers. I love to have them around me, to watch the expanding of some new bud, the opening of some new flower; and, as I note the exquisite pencilling so often seen, to think, "My Father made them all." My flowers are mostly bulbs, hardy plants and shrubs, as I find less work to care for them, and every year I add a few new floral treasures. Roses and Lilies are favorites of mine. I have fifteen different hardy Roses, also a variety of Iris. A tall white Valerian is so fragrant no garden is complete without it. The Flowering Almond has proved hardy with me, also several different Lilies, pink and white Spiraea, and one plant I must not fail to mention—the double Helianthus, with flowers as large as the Dahlia, and so full of bloom. I have one shrub that has a very small blossom, but in the fall is covered with white fruit or berries, which are nice among out flowers. I have many other flowers, but as I wish to add still more it would be a favor to me and other northern readers if some flower-loving friend would give us a list through your Magazine of hardy plants, shrubs and bulbs that will endure our severe winters with little or no protection.

Mrs. W. F. Ames.

South Albany, Vt., July 17, 1895.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—I send you \$1.00 for two annual subscriptions to your Magazine, and onesilling and sixpence to pay extra cost of postage. I thoroughly enjoy your sensible little Magazine. Please send the premium in Tulip bulbs. I ask this because they seem less susceptible to the change of seasons than other bulbs. The Hyacinths spring too soon and die away when they should be flowering; the Crocuses die out; but the Tulips do well. Thinking you may be pleased to have some New Zealand seeds, gathered in the bush, I send you several kinds, posting the packet with this. Mrs. James Reynolds.

Hastings, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand.

July 28, 1895.

[NOTE.—The seeds arrived safely, and are appreciated. Mrs. Reynolds will please accept my thanks for them.—Ed.]

BRIEF ANSWERS.

Nicotiana.—Mrs. Reed, Wis.: The Nicotiana affinis requires considerable moisture and a sunny place to do well. Do not water it while the sun is shining brightly upon it. Treatment that will suit the Geranium ought to produce fine plants of this Nicotiana.

Cape Jasmine and Plumbago.—These may be wintered in a dry, well-lighted, frost-proof cellar, but it is better to keep them in the plant window if practicable.

Dato Palma.—These start slowly from seeds and are very slow in growth. Keep them in a warm, light window, water freely while growing, and sparingly while dormant. Have good drainage. They become handsome after some years of culture.

THE TURN OF LIFE.

WOMAN'S CRITICAL PERIOD

Contemplated with Less Fear than of Old.

[SPECIAL TO OUR LADY READERS.]

There is no period in woman's earthly career which she approaches with so much anxiety as the "change of life." Yet during the past twenty years women have learned much from a woman.

It is safe to say that women who prepare themselves for the eventful period pass through it much easier than in the past.

There is but one course to pursue. *Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound* should be used in time to subdue the nervous complications, and prepare the system for the change.

It is well for those approaching the time to write Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., and get her free advice.

Such testimony as the following should be convincing:—

"Your Vegetable Compound has been a God-send to me: it saved my life when all else failed.

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she replied, "dere names is Jessamine and Oleander, arter my posies. I lub my posies, so I called my babies arter dem. And, missus, when dey is bad I got an Oleander sick and I wallups dem with it till dey is good, and dey is apt to stay good." M. E. Chestnut Hill, Pa.

[See page 154.]

Dear Mr. Park:—As mamma has been a regular subscriber to the Floral Magazine I must tell you a joke. The 20th of last month there came to our home a stranger—a little baby boy, and mamma said she was going to name it for the first person who came in. So, the first appearance was Park's Magazine, and papa said that it would be best to call him George Park, for mamma wished the Magazine would come twice a month. So he was called George Park Phillips, and we call him Park instead of George. We are so proud of him I thought I would tell you of the fine joke. Susie Phillips.

Sherman, Tex., Oct. 12, 1895.

[NOTE.—The Editor, too, appreciates this "joke," and hopes that the life of this little namesake may be such that the family shall esteem him more and more as the years roll by. May his influence be as pure and elevating as that of the flowers which bloom from the plants sent him by his friend, the Editor.]

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Ans.—The vine is evidently the Japanese Hop, *Humulus Japonicus*, which has recent-

ly been so greatly extolled as a novelty. It grows vigorously, but is coarse, and is hardly worth cultivating, considering that there are so many vines with handsome foliage as well as beautiful flowers. The little engraving is reduced from a catalogue illustration. The plant of which a flower was enclosed is *Viscaria oculata*, a desirable annual of the Pink family. The flowers are of various colors, and very pretty.



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Brooklyn, N. Y., Sep. 30, 1895.
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New Lisbon, Wis., Aug. 7, 1895.

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QUESTIONS.

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Auratum Lilies.—Can anyone tell me why it is I cannot get an Auratum Lily bulb to grow? Two I planted in the fall, one early and one late, and I planted one last spring. The one planted in the spring disappeared altogether.—Lula D. M., N. Y.

Lantana Seeds.—I cannot get these to germinate, although I have planted them repeatedly, and after treating some with boiling water, soaking, etc. How shall I treat them to be successful?—I. A. C., Cal.

Western Lilies.—Will someone please describe Mariposa, Mt. Hood, Tacoma, and Shasta Lilies, also Lilies of the Palace?—Miss Brown, N. Y.

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Mr. Park:—I have been a reader of your Magazine for more than a year, and have found it to be one of the comforts of my home. It is always freighted with interesting matter about flowers. Mrs. May White, Athens Co., O.

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—Maude Meredith, Iowa.
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Boone Co., Ind., Oct. 18, 1895.

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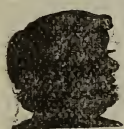
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We passed through fields of robust corn, sometimes fenced in with a thrifty hedge of Tree Cactuses or Century plants. Fields that were not in corn were covered with a rich grass sward cropped by immense herds of cattle and sheep. The land, especially in the vicinity of Irapuata is a black, loose loam, devoid of stones and obstructions, and when turned up by the plow has the appearance of the black surface soil found in American forests. I was astonished at the ease with which it could be worked, and the vigor of the vegetation which it produced, for I thought how that same land had been plowed and planted and grazed for centuries without the aid of manure or fertilizers to enrich it. Corn is the great staple of this land, and it was not uncommon to see a field of 50 to 100 acres all waving in corn. In one field I counted 27 ox teams, and besides the plowmen about as many men and women pulling weeds and grass.

The cultivation here, as well as in all other parts of southern and central Mexico, is all done by wooden plows. I did not see an iron or mould-board plow in all that region. The plows are very rude in structure. A stick of wood eight or ten inches in diameter and two or three feet long is sharpened at one end, and into this is mortised three holes. Then a naturally bent stick, like an old-fashioned sled runner, is inverted, and the bent end fitted into the central mortise. This answers for a beam, and it is braced by a short piece fitted into the front mortise and into a mortise in the beam. Into

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the rear mortise is fitted a stick which answers for the handle. Sometimes this is bent near the grasping part, but in most cases it is straight and stands erect. With this rude implement drawn by a pair of oxen these hundreds of acres are prepared for planting, and with the same implement the corn is plowed and cultivated, the corn plow having the addition of two strong wooden pins, one at either side, which are driven into holes bored into the sides of the plow near the rear end. These pins slant out, up and back, so that in plowing the earth is thrown up to the corn. Their system of cultivation is thus altogether different from ours, for while we keep the surface level these Mexicans keep the plow going deeper and deeper at each plowing till the whole field is a series of high ridges and deep furrows—a system certainly not suitable for a climate subject to dry weather.

As we passed along I wondered that so many of the plowmen had the attitude of workmen while they watched the passing train, and I decided to find the reason. So the next field we passed I fixed my eye upon one of the teams, and, would you believe it the team was actually moving, but its progress was so slow that it could not be noticed without close attention. Do you inquire about the attitude of the plowman? Well, he stood erect in the furrow between two rows of corn, his right hand grasping the straight, upright handle of the plow which renewed the furrow at the right, while the left hand held the goad—a long pole, much like a fishing rod, except that it is armed with a sharp thimble spike of iron at the extremity. This armor of the goad is perhaps the only iron used in the entire outfit.

From Irapuata for many miles the landscape was composed of great tracts of waving corn and pasture fields, the division fence usually formed of some hedge plant, as Cactus or Agave. Here and there we could see among the spreading trees some distance back a group of buildings which were rather attractive. These were the storehouses and dwellings of the owner. Occasionally a group of huts near by could be seen, which were the dwellings of the workmen. After enjoying this scenery for many miles we came to a river of swift-flowing water. This river was not wide but appeared deep, and as far as I could see its banks were lined with large weeping trees, which spread their long, drooping branches out over the water from either side till they almost met and formed an archway. These trees were of the most delightful green, and the foliage neat and dense, affording a lovely shade. Some of them were covered with a parasitic plant in full bloom, and the great masses of scarlet flowers thus produced were exceedingly attractive. Stretching back from these on either side of the river was a broad expanse of rich green meadow with herds of cattle grazing here and

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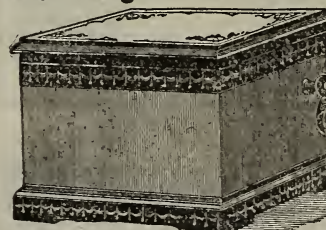
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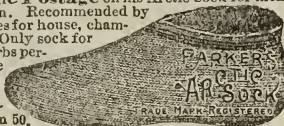
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I was charmed with the scenery of the landscape previously described, and when I came to this poetical scene I was transported. My feelings can never be expressed. Oh, where am I? Is not this the place of perennial life and joy that Ponce de Leon so anxiously searched for? And I thought of how the strawberries grow and ripen here the year round; how I had seen the farmers plowing for corn, planting corn, cultivating corn and harvesting corn in that land that day; how the Roses grow and bloom every day in the year, and the trees are clothed in a perennial verdure; how the gentle zephyrs which fanned my face as they were wafted from the green meadows could be enjoyed the year round. Oh, the beauty—the supreme beauty of that scene! That charming river with its overhanging trees and lovely meadows form a picture that is indelibly painted upon the walls of memory and will be carried with me as long as life shall last. Oh, nature, inimitable nature! Thy beauty is beyond the finite powers! Truly, no artist's brush can portray it, no gifted tongue can describe it.

From this river westward the land was somewhat broken and rocky, and much of it was unsuitable for cultivation with wooden implements. It was therefore devoted to grazing. Here I saw peach trees of immense size and of richest verdure. But fruit growing is in its infancy in this region, and most of the trees—I might say all of them—few as they are, are simply the varieties which nature happens to produce. In all of Mexico I did not see an apple tempting enough to invite its purchase. All were small, hard and inferior. We passed several large cities on our way, but did not see them. We only knew of them by the little horse car which stood in waiting at the depot.

We were seven hours on the road from Irapuata to Guadalajara. Before I reached my destination, as I was sitting in the car enjoying the scenery, I felt a tap on my shoulder, and looking around I found a gentleman with fair complexion and light moustache, and bearing in his countenance the expression of energy and intelligence which we all recognize in the typical American. "Are you Mr. Park?" he inquired. "I answer to that name, sir." He grasped my hand and said, "My name is B—. I am very happy to meet you, sir. I am superintendent of this road, and received your telegram at the station back here as I was returning to Guadalajara on the other train. I therefore waited to go with you. We are always glad to meet our American friends." Mr. B— pointed out many things of interest on our way, and at last called my attention to domes and spires which could be seen in the distance. "There is Guadalajara," said he. "It's a place of about 100,000 inhabitants. The part you see to the

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northeast is a suburb where some of the wealthy people live."

In a little while the train rolled into the covered depot, which was fenced in with high palings and gates. We were soon on the platform walking toward the exit. I looked toward the end where the high pickets were, and what do you suppose I saw outside? Well, it was a mob of natives. No, they were not vicious, and were not trying to kill, but they were trying to see, and such crowding, pushing, jamming you never saw. There were little and big, young and old, male and female, clad and half-clad in that tatterdemalion group. I was astonished. I hardly knew what to think—whether the object of attraction was the foreigner or the iron horse that brought him, or both. I spoke of the crowd to my friend. He said, "Oh, that you will see every day, morning and evening, the year round. This railroad has been running for three or four years, and for centuries the people of the old city never knew or heard of any means of travel except on foot or on donkeys. When the trains were first put on the road some of the natives would run from them as from something "possessed," and even now some regard the engine as the devil, and the puffs of steam as his breath."

I enquired about a hotel. "Don't mention it, Mr. Park. We are only too glad to have the pleasure of entertaining you; come right with us." I could hardly do otherwise with such a hearty invitation, and so we passed through the gates. Here I was accosted by about a dozen dusky porters who seemed to think I must go with them, although I could not understand what they said. But a few words in Spanish by my friend caused them to cease their attentions. It was only a few minutes walk to Mr. B—'s home, which I found to be a typical one-story Mexican house with the hall leading to a court where there was a well and plants, and around which were the parlor, bedroom, kitchen and dining room. I was given a cordial welcome by Mrs. B—, and shown into the parlor, and I felt as much at home there as if I had been at the house of a friend up in the States. We chatted, ate supper, walked out to the public squares and arranged for a trip to the mountains the next day. G. W. P.

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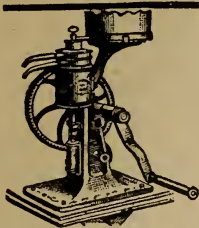
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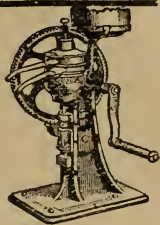
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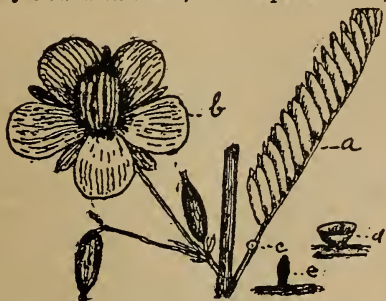
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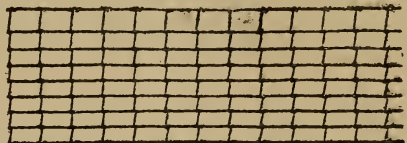
and are rather showy. The leaves resemble those of the Sensitive Plant, and close up in the evening, as represented at a. A curious little gland is found near the base of the leaf-stem of members of this genus, and from the form of this the species may be determined. The specimen sent by this enquirer had cup-like glands as represented at c and enlarged at d. *Cassia chamæcrista* inhabits the prairies, and is not found east, but a larger and more showy species is here common along streams, the name of which is *Cassia Marilandica*. This species grows four or five feet high, and bears axillary clusters of orange bloom in autumn, succeeded by long, scythe-shaped bean-pods. The leaves are almost as large as those of Black Locust, and near the base of each leaf-stem is a club-shaped gland, as represented at e.

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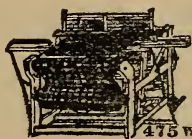
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
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